

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4248–4259; 1 private bill, H.R. 4260; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 293 and H. Res. 541, were introduced. **Page H10038**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10038–39**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 538, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2862, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–277);

H. Res. 539, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–278);

H. Res. 540, providing for consideration of H.R. 1751, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members (H. Rept. 109–279); and

H.R. 1630, to authorize appropriations for the benefit of Amtrak for fiscal years 2006 through 2008 (H. Rept. 109–280). **Pages H10037–38**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Sodrel to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9965**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H9966**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Griffin Lotson, Sams Memorial Church of God in Christ, Darien, Georgia. **Page H9966**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): H. Res. 38, amended, to express support for the accession of Israel to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), by a yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 574; **Pages H9969–71, H9990–91**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Resolution expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).” **Pages H9990–91**

Recognizing and commending the continuing dedication and commitment of employers of the

members of the National Guard and the other reserve components who have been mobilized during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States: H. Res. 302, amended, to recognize and commend the continuing dedication and commitment of employers of the members of the National Guard and the other reserve components who have been mobilized during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 575; **Pages H9974–79, H9991**

Grant W. Green Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3770, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the “Grant W. Green Post Office Building”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 576; **Pages H9979–80, H9991–92**

Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office Building”; and **Pages H9980–81**

Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4053, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California, as the “Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office”. **Pages H9981–82**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will be announced at a later date.

San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1953, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the “Granite Lady”; and **Pages H9971–74**

Fair Access Foster Care Act of 2005: S. 1894, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies. **Pages H9982–87**

Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the

Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Page H9987**

The House agreed to the Olver motion to instruct conferees by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H9987–88**

The Chair appointed conferees: Messrs. Knollenberg, Wolf, Rogers of Kentucky, Tiahrt, Mrs. Northup, Messrs. Aderholt, Sweeney, Culberson, Regula, Lewis of California, Olver, Hoyer, Pastor, Ms. Kilpatrick of Michigan, Messrs. Clyburn, Rothman, and Obey. **Page H9988**

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages H9988–90**

Tabling the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3010: Agreed to table the Obey motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 573. **Pages H9989–90**

Later, the Chair appointed conferees: Messrs. Regula, Istook, Wicker, Mrs. Northup, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Granger, Messrs. Peterson of Pennsylvania, Sherwood, Weldon of Florida, Walsh, Lewis of California, Obey, Hoyer, Mrs. Lowey, Ms. DeLauro, Messrs. Jackson of Illinois, Kennedy of Rhode Island, and Ms. Roybal-Allard. **Page H9992**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10039–41.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and appear on pages H9989–90, H9990, H9991, and H9991–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL PANDEMIC FLU PREPAREDNESS PLAN ASSESSMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled “Assessing the National Pandemic Flu Preparedness Plan.” Testimony was heard from Michael O. Levitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING—FEDERAL SUPPORT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk

Assessment held a hearing entitled “Federal Support for Homeland Security Information Sharing: The Role of the Information Sharing Program Manager.” Testimony was heard from John Russack, Information Sharing Program Manager, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; former Representative Lee Hamilton, State of Indiana; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on The Voting Rights Act: Section 203—Bilingual Election Requirements, Part I. Testimony was heard from Brad Schlozman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Rebecca Vigil-Giron, Secretary of State, New Mexico; and public witnesses.

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3552, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Benjamin Tuggle, Acting Special Assistant to the Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hobson and Visclosky.

CONFERENCE REPORT—SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Mollohan.